



*GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL*

**Environmental &
Sustainability**

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:30
p.m.

GWNC Sustainability Committee:

Chair - Polly Estabrook (Area 14)
Secretary - MJ Anderson (Area 12)
(removed) Polly Chu (Area 15)
(removed) Andy Galan (Area 12)
Jesseca Harvey (Area 8)
Julie Kim (Area 15)
Multiple Vacancies

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I. WELCOMING REMARKS 환영 연설 *Comentarios de bienvenida* **18:35**

A. **Call to Order** (Polly Estabrook)

B. **Roll Call** (Polly Estabrook) (J. Harvey, M. Anderson, Julie Kim (18:39) and P. Estabrook present)

C. Self-Introduction of Guests

II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** 의제 비포함 안건에 대한 일반 공중 언급 *Comentario público general sobre temas no incluidos en la agenda* Time may be limited to 3-5 minutes per speaker at the discretion of the chairperson

III. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** 집행부 안건 *Temas administrativos* (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Review and approval of past meeting minutes (specify date)
- B. Training requirements

IV. **OLD BUSINESS** 기존 사업 *Asuntos antiguos* (Discussion, Planning and Possible Action)

A. Earth Day 2024 (50th Anniversary April 22, 2024) Event. The event will be held at LA High Memorial Park on Sat April 27th from 10 - 2 PM. We will go through the presentation to the GWNC Board on 3/13/2024 and start the planning and publicizing process. Possible topics include: invited organizations, games, food trucks, equipment, and public outreach. Each committee member will report on their work on preparations for Earth Day. We will decide on the date for our next Earth Day preparation meeting.

- i. Notes: City discussion; Point of contact (if we contacted them) means they need city liability/insurance, Cnty. Health permit, (though those are low bars), and lastly city attorney approval. Some have expressed unavailability
- ii. P. Estabrook: Annoyance expressed over the process; CD5 will be sponsoring a large part of the event, simplifying participants and some vendors
- iii. Community comment: more time will be necessary for bigger plans, no motions made

Possible Motion: GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends participation and planning as cosponsor in a CD 5 sponsored Earth Day event 27 April 2024 10-2pm with one or more booths with information and activities. (unanimous)

B. Transit Day Event. Per the notes of our last meeting on 2/6/2024, we had identified the following days, in highest priority order first, Saturday May 25th and Sat March 30th, as possible event days. Due to the focus on planning for Earth Day, we have selected Saturday May 25th for the GWNC Transit Day Event. We will discuss the overall scope for the event and set a high level planning schedule.

- i. Notes: Wil/Western D line-> Grand Ave Station (via 7th/Metro) -> Little tokyo -> walking 2 blocks to UNion-> Wil/Western
- ii. Board Event Plan needed. M. Anderson takes lead, specifying 25 May 2024.
- iii. No motion passed.

C. Discussion on recently submitted [LA City Council Motion 24-0011-S4](#) entitled: Dodger Stadium / Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit (LA ART) / Traffic Assessment / Council District 1 / Street Furniture Revenue Fund. This was submitted by CM Eunisses Hernandez and seconded by Monica Rodriguez and Hugo Soto-Martinez on 1/24/2024. The GWNC Board will discuss the possible motion below as it was unanimously passed at the Sustainability Committee Special Meeting on March 15th. **Possible Motion:** The GWNC Sustainability Committee requests that the GWNC file a CIS to express its full support of the Dodger Stadium / Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit (LA ART) / Traffic Assessment / Council District 1 / Street Furniture

Revenue Fund (Council File: 24-0011-S4) introduced on 1/24/2024 calling on the City to fully analyze the multifaceted impacts and potential solutions to alleviate traffic around Dodger Stadium and take the actions outlined in the motion.

I. City has made action on the proposal. No motion moved

- D. Discussion on recently submitted [LA City Council Motion 24-0055](#) entitled: Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers / Fiscal Year 2022-23 Complaints and Citations / Enforcement / Education Program. This [motion](#) was submitted by CM Nithya Raman and seconded by Bob Blumenfield on 1/16/2024. The LA City Motion moves that the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) re-consider how the LA City ordinance, passed in 1998, to forbid the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within 500 ft of a residence, is enforced. The GWNC Board will discuss the possible motion below as it was unanimously passed at the Sustainability Committee Special Meeting on March 15th.

Possible Motion: The GWNC Sustainability Committee requests that the GWNC file a CIS to express its full support of the Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers / Fiscal Year 2022-23 Complaints and Citations / Enforcement / Education Program (Council File: 24-0055) as the particulate matter and CO2 emissions of gas powered leaf blowers are now better quantified, their negative impacts understood, and the still much needed 1998 ordinance has not been effectively implemented.

I. Not moved upon, acted on before meeting.

V. **NEW BUSINESS** 신규 사업 *Asuntos nuevos* (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. General Discussion of Activities for 2024

VI. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS** 위원회 위원 보고 *Informes del miembro del comité*

- A. Report on most recent NC Sustainability Alliance (LANCSA) meeting - Polly Estabrook : there will be a meeting 14 April 2024 with Cty. Atty. Soto 18:30; Our event was mentioned
- B. Report on any other sustainability or environmental issues not on the agenda
- C. Upcoming Environmental Activities planned by the Climate Reality Project:
- i. The San Fernando Valley Chapters of the Climate Reality Project is holding their legislative meeting on Tuesday April 2nd at 7 PM. They will be discussing:
 - California Public Utilities Committee (CPUC) and advocacy for Aliso Canyon closure
 - State Constitutional Amendment (ACA 16) for the right to clean air and water and a healthy environment
 - State legislation updates
 - LA City Council File 24-0055, leafblower enforcement ordinance
 - Chapter meeting speakers April 9 and May 15
 - Any member concerns/comments

Please feel free to join on Tuesday April 2 at 7:00 PM.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87194420210>

I. Happened before meeting.

VII. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** 위원회 위원

언급/발표 *Comentarios/anuncios de un miembro del comité*

- A. Next Regular Committee meeting date: Thursday, June 6, 2024, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179>
- B. *Note: regular meetings are held on even-numbered months.* Alternating between zoom and in-person.

VIII. **REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

추후 가능 의제에 대한 요청 *Solicitudes de posibles temas de la agenda futura*

- A. Discuss priorities and ideas for programs in 2024.
- B. Next meeting may discuss funding new projects (possibly beautification in the fall)

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** 조정 *Postergación 20:01*

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